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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL US REPRESENTATIVE AT TELECOM 75

REF: A) TEHRAN 9619; B) GENEVA 7476; C) STATE 233807

1. MISSION MYSTIFIED AT CONTENTS REF C WHICH DESIGNATES HELEN BURROUGHS AS OFFICIAL US REP TO TELECOM 75. AS DEPARTMENT RECALLS, ITU SENT INVITATION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER IN EARLY AUG TO ATTEND AS US REP OR TO NAME DESIGNEE. IN EARLY SEP, RESPONSE RECEIVED BY ITU NOTING SECRETARY UNAVAILABLE AND STATING THAT US WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY OFFICIALS FROM WASHINGTON AND GENEVA.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR OCT 2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF DEPT'S NONCOMMITAL RESPONSE, MISSION RECEIVED REPEATED CALLS FROM ITU SECRETARIAT TO DESIGNATE US REP TO ATTEND THESE FESTIVITIES. FACED WITH THESE CONTINUED REQUESTS AND IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT, MISSION ADVISED ITU THAT AMB FRANCIS DALE WOULD SERVE AS OFFICIAL US REP. DEPT AWARE THAT AMB DALE HAD EARLIER AGREED TO SERVE AS HOST OF US RECEPTION ON OCCASION OF US DAY AT TELECOM 75, SAT., OCT 4 AND INVITATIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SENT OUT IN HIS NAME TO HEADS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRIES THE WORLD OVER AND TO ITU OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION, AMB DALE

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HAS ALREADY INVITED ITU ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PERSONAL TOUR OF

US PAVILLION AT NOON, OCT 4 AND HAS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED
NUMBER OF INVITATIONS TO ATTEND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AS US REP.

3. MISSION NOT ADVISED UNTIL OCT 1 THAT MS. BURROUGHS WOULD
BE ATTENDING TELECOM AND WAS NOT INFORMED UNTIL MORNING OF
OPENING DAY OF MS. BURROUGHS DESIGNATION PLUS FACT THAT SHE
WOULD NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER OPENING DAY CEREMONIES WERE
CONCLUDED.

4. AS EXTREMELY AWKWARD SITUATION WOULD BE CREATED IF CON-
TENTS REF C WERE IMPLEMENTED AND BECAUSE OFFICIAL ITU FEST-
IVITIES WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR MS. BURROUGHS ARRIVAL,
MISSION SUGGESTS THAT NAME OF MS. BURROUGHS BE COMMUNICATED
TO ITU AS "AN" REPEAT "AN" OFFICIAL US REP RATHER THAN "THE"
REPEAT "THE" OFFICIAL US REP.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST AND SUPPLY MS. BURROUGHS FULL TITLE.
DALE

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